

## **TOWN OF GRAFTON**

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## **WELL TEST RESULTS**

The Grafton Health Department maintains information files on all properties in Grafton with private wells and private septic systems.

Whenever your private well is tested, whether it is for purposes of a real estate sale, for routine evaluation of the water quality or any other reason, please forward a copy of those results to the Grafton Health Department so that the file can be kept current. They can be dropped off or mailed to the Municipal Center, 30 Providence Road, 01519 or emailed to healthdept@grafton-ma.gov.

Additionally, we are available to answer questions that you may have regarding the results, types of analysis, recommended frequency of testing and general water quality concerns.

Well water analysis should only be done by a Massachusetts certified laboratory and a list of area certified laboratories is available both on our website at <a href="www.grafton-ma.gov">www.grafton-ma.gov</a> and in our office-the list can be faxed or mailed upon request.

We would also like to remind you that whenever work is done on an existing private well or a septic system, or if a new well needs to be drilled, even if an emergency situation exists, the Health Department must issue a permit for the work and no work can be done until the permit has been issued.

Work on private drinking water wells should only be done by well drillers licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation or by experienced pump and/or water treatment companies. For wells, the only exception to needing a permit would be to clean the pump. Any repairs, replacements, alterations (including the addition of treatment systems) require that a permit be issued for the work. A plumbing permit through the Building Department may also be needed if work is done inside the property on the water system.

Work on septic systems must be done only by septic installers licensed by the Grafton Health Department. For septic systems, the only exceptions to the need for permits are for routine septic tank pumping and Title V inspections. Septic tank pumpers must also be licensed by the Town of Grafton Health Department while Title V Inspectors are licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP).

We are happy to answer any questions that you may have on these and other topics and can be reached either at our email address noted above or by telephone at 508-839-5335 x 1119.